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1. ROK CONSUL GENERAL HONG SOO HUI CALLED ON ME FEBRUARY 27 TO ADVISE HE BELIEVES SIMULTANEOUS ELEVATION BY GON OF STATUS BOTH ROK AND DPRK FROM CONSULAR TO FULL DIPOMATIC RELATIONS IS IMMINENT. HONG SAID SUBJECT HAD DIED SINCE VISIT SPECIAL ROK ENVOY LAST AUGUST (REFTEL) BUT WAS RECENTLY REVIVED ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM SEOUL, WHICH POSES NO OBJECTION TO SIMULTANEITY. ACCORDING HONG, PROPOSITION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY FONMIN AND CABINET AND AWAITS ONLY APPROVAL OF PALACE, WHICH SEEMS AMENABLE.

2. COMMENT: I PERCEIVE NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON GON RELATIONS WITH KOREAS AS RESULT ELEVATION. ROK PRESENCE IS PRIMARILY ENCOMPASSED BY COMMERCIAL VENTURES IN CONSTRUCTION AREAS, WHILE RELATIVELY LARGE DPRK CONGEN ENGAGES PRIMARILY IN SEEMINGLY INEFFECTUAL PROPAGANDA EFFORTS.

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